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Marshall is once again celebrating Constitution Week this year with its annual Quoits Tournament for faculty, staff, students, fraternities and sororities.

Quoits, which is similar to horseshoes, was John Marshall’s favorite game. Quoits are rings of iron that, like horseshoes, are pitched at stakes.

The 10th annual Marshall Quoits Tournament begins today and concludes Friday, Sept. 11.

Here is the complete schedule for the tournament:

Wednesday, Sept. 9 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., quoits play begins;

Thursday, Sept. 10 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., quoits play continues;

Friday, Sept. 11 – Quoits finals; times to be announced.

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m., Interim President Gary G. White will cut a large cake in celebration of John Marshall’s birthday. That will take place at the west end of Buskirk Field, and will be followed by the 10th annual President’s Invitational Quoits Challenge with members of the local media and community leaders at 11:30 a.m. on Buskirk. Free cake, kettle corn and punch will be served.

Each team in the quoits competition consists of two players.

Constitution Week, which this year is officially Sept. 17-23, was started by the late U. S. Senator Robert C. Byrd to draw attention to the important document that our system of government is based upon, said Dr. Alan Gould, director of the Drinko Academy, which sponsors Constitution Week activities.

Constitution Day 2015 is Sept. 17.
“Included within federal legislation that was passed in 2004 was a provision requiring schools and federal agencies to set some time aside to study the U.S. Constitution,” Gould said. “The Drinko Academy is a proud sponsor of these events and looks forward to celebrating Constitution Week and the birthday of our namesake, Chief Justice John Marshall.”

Another public event for Constitution Week is Monday, Sept. 14, when the winner of the seventh annual Dan O’Hanlon Essay Competition will be announced. A brief ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Title IX training begins; faculty/staff need to complete by Oct. 1

As announced last month in “We Are…Marshall,” a new Title IX training course is being distributed by e-mail to Marshall faculty and staff. Many faculty and staff have already received the e-mail, which is from a company called Workplace Answers. The e-mail contains a link to the training materials.

The course, which is mandatory for all faculty and staff, is intended to help ensure an environment free from unlawful sexual discrimination in all aspects of the university experience.

The course must be completed by Oct. 1.

For your convenience, once you log on, you may take sections of the training as your schedule permits. It is not necessary to complete the training in one session.

If you have any questions or have not received an e-mail with the course link, please contact the Office of Equity Programs at (304) 696-2597 or e-mail Debra Hart. The university’s Sexual Harassment Policy is available online here.
Marshall celebrates Hispanic Heritage month with renowned guest speaker; Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Jose Galvez to present lecture, photo exhibit Sept. 15

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Jose Galvez will present a lecture and photo exhibit titled “Hispanic in the U.S.: History, Culture and Image,” Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the Memorial Student Center’s Shawkey Room.

Galvez’ appearance at Marshall is in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and the Latino culture, and is sponsored by Herd Information Technology; Office of Intercultural Affairs; the Department of Modern Languages, Latin American Studies Minor and the College of Liberal Arts.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and is free to the public. Marshall students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to attend.

For more than 40 years, Galvez has used black-and-white film to create a powerful and unparalleled historical record of the Latino experience in America. His work captures the beauty of daily life. While capturing the struggles and triumphs of Latinos in the U.S., Galvez also tells his own story of being a child in the barrios of Mexico, moving to the United States, and how he became the world-renowned photographer he is today.

“Mr. Jose Galvez is a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer and presenter of images and stories about the significant social and cultural presence in the U.S. of Spanish-speaking people who have various origins and ethnic backgrounds,” said Dr. Cristina Burgueno, a professor of Spanish and Latin American Cultures in the Department of Modern Languages. “His new and engaging visual perspective brings to the wider student body a social and cultural environment free of prejudices as well as an acknowledgment of the growing number of Latino students on campus.”

Galvez was the first Mexican-American photographer on the staff of the Los Angeles Times. In 1984, he was on a team of reporters and photographers that won a Pulitzer Prize for a series on Latino life in southern California: the first Chicanos to win the Prize. He left the Times in 1992 after winning many other awards for his photographs.

“The Intercultural Affairs office is excited to partner with Dr. Cristina Burgueno, her department and others on campus to bring Mr. Jose Galvez to Marshall in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month,” said Maurice Cooley, associate vice president for intercultural affairs. “Mr. Galvez’s photography and his own personal story give an interesting and honest account of daily life as a Latino-American. This event is a great opportunity for students, staff and the community to learn more about Hispanic culture while celebrating it as well.”

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School of Medicine recognizes Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma T. Touma for diversity efforts

Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma T. Touma have been honored by the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine with a lifetime achievement diversity award that bears their names. The inaugural award was presented in July.

Joseph Touma is a former chairman of the Marshall University Board of Governors and Omayma Touma is retired medical director of the Cabell Huntington Health Department.

The Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma T. Touma Excellence in Diversity Lifetime Achievement Award was created this year by the School of Medicine’s Multicultural Advisory Committee to recognize and honor demonstrated commitment and outstanding efforts to create a diverse and inclusive community.

“The Toumas are prime examples of lifetime achievement in enhancing the practice of equality and diversity as they’ve devoted a major portion of their professional careers to the cause,” said Dr. Shelvy L. Campbell-Monroe, assistant dean for diversity at the school of medicine. “We are very grateful for their support of the school of medicine and its diversity and inclusion effort and are so happy to recognize them for their work.”

The Toumas were recognized in July at the 2015 Project P.R.E.M.E.D. event, a program designed for college students of color to explore life as medical students and life in medical school.

Photo: Dr. Joseph B. Touma (center) is pictured with students from the 2015 Project P.R.E.M.E.D. Immersion program along with Dr. Shelvy Campbell-Monroe (far left), assistant dean for diversity at the School of Medicine.
Reminder: Retirement reception for Jeff Edwards is Sept. 15

Jeff Edwards, who works for Facilities, Planning and Management, will be honored at a retirement reception Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the John Marshall Dining Room in the Memorial Student Center. Light refreshments will be served.

JEFF EDWARDS
Facilities, Planning and Management
is retiring after 41 years
Come join us to celebrate and wish him farewell

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
John Marshall Dining Room
Memorial Student Center
2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Light Refreshments

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Marshall named ‘most LGBT friendly’ in West Virginia

The website e-CollegeFinder has named Marshall the most LGBT friendly higher education institution in West Virginia.

“We have worked tremendously hard over the past academic year to embrace students from all backgrounds, including our LGBT community of students,” said Maurice R. Cooley, associate vice president for intercultural affairs at Marshall. “Our new programs, which include the LGBT Speaker Series, Safe Zone, Lending Library, and more, offer new dimensions for our students. We are looking forward to another great year. Marshall is a great environment for all students to grow, learn, and gain acceptance from other, irrespective of our differences.”

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INTO Marshall University invites faculty, staff to strike up a conversation

Marshall faculty, staff and students can help an INTO Marshall student learn about American culture and also learn about that student’s culture through the Campus Conversation Partners program.

INTO’s Campus Conversation Partners pairs American students, faculty, and staff with international students. An application process focuses on a student’s interests and hobbies, in order to provide the international students with another outlet to practice their conversational English speaking skills.
Participants (both American and international) learn about other cultures through a peer-to-peer environment. Some of the cultures represented through the center include Russia, India, Saudi Arabia, China, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Nigeria and others.

“Once students receive a conversation partner, then the real fun begins,” said Kenny Jones, student engagement coordinator. The INTO Center distributes monthly challenges for the Campus Conversation Partner program. Through these challenges, students work collaboratively with their conversation partners to complete the challenge and then are entered in a monthly drawing for fun prizes.

“We are always looking for new volunteers!” Jones said.

For more information on the Campus Conversation Partners Program or to receive an application electronically, contact Jones by e-mail at jonesken@marshall.edu, or call the INTO Marshall Information Desk at ext. 6-4686. You may also visit the INTO Center in person to fill out an application.

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**Dr. Farzad Amiri chosen August Resident of the Month**

Dr. Farzad Amiri, a second-year surgery resident at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been selected as the August 2015 Resident of the Month.

In announcing the selection, Dr. Paulette Wehner, vice dean for graduate medical education, praised Amiri for his efforts in several areas.

“To be recognized by a medical student for your dedication, or your teaching ability or being a great physician is an honor by itself,” Wehner said. “Our August recipient was nominated for being all three – a truly dedicated physician, a great teacher and a great physician. Despite his busy and stressful schedule, Dr. Amiri takes the time to be a dedicated physician and teacher.”

Amiri is a 2012 graduate of the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine and completed his student clinical training in the United States. He earned two bachelor’s degrees – one in chemistry and the other in biology – from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida.
As part of his recognition as the August Resident of the Month, Amiri will receive items including a Certificate of Recognition and a designated parking spot.

Photo: Dr. Farzad Amiri (right) is congratulated by Dr. Farid Mozaffari, director of the surgery residency program, on being selected as Resident of the Month for August.

Reminder: deadline nears for Higher Learning Commission comments

Marshall University is preparing for its 10-year comprehensive evaluation by its regional accrediting agency, The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The university will host a site-visit team from HLC Oct. 12-13. The team will review the institution’s ongoing ability to meet the commission’s Criteria for Accreditation. Marshall has been accredited by HLC since 1928.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding Marshall University. Comments must be in writing and must address substantive matters related to the quality of instruction or academic programs.

Comments should be sent to:

Public Comment on Marshall University

The Higher Learning Commission

230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500

Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the commission’s website at https://hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/third-party-comment.html. All comments must be received by Sept. 12, 2015.
Miners, community members and others connected with the state’s coal mining industry will gather at Tamarack in Beckley on Thursday, Oct. 1, for the 2015 Miners’ Celebration, which is sponsored in part by Marshall University’s Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences (CEGAS).

The annual event will feature a reception and dinner to recognize those who play a role in the success of the state’s mining industry.

“Every person who works in the industry—whether they are a safety engineer, miner, environmental professional or equipment supplier—contributes to each ton of coal produced, as do countless community leaders, educators and mining families,” said Dr. Tony Szwilski, chairman of the event planning committee and director of CEGAS.

At the event, Logan native Landau Eugene Murphy Jr., the winner of the 2010 “America’s Got Talent” TV show and a successful performing and recording artist, will be honored with a Spirit of the Coalfields award, which is presented to individuals who have overcome events to succeed. Jasper Sugg of Man will receive the Homer Hickam Collier Award, which goes to a coal miner who epitomizes the spirit, dedication and skills of the mining profession.

“Because of You” awards for significant contributions to West Virginia’s coalfields heritage will be presented in a number of categories, including Management Professional (Interim President Gary White); Community Involvement (CEDAR of Southern West Virginia); Women in Mining (Sandi Davison); Safety Professional (Gary Frampton); Educator of the Year (Helen Curry Southall); Outstanding Innovation (J.H. Fletcher and Co.); Community Investment (Diane Barnette); Environmental Professional (Mike Castle); Engineering Professional (Terry Potter).

The Coal Heritage Highway Authority/National Coal Heritage Area will present the Coal Heritage Award for Excellence in the Arts (Johnnie R. Shuck); Coal Heritage Award for Historic Presentation (Winding Gulf Restoration Organization); the Coal Heritage Award for Interpretation (West Virginia Mine War Museum); and the Coal Heritage Award for Research and Documentation (Marsh Fork High School Alumni Association for Greenways and Recreation Preservation).

The evening’s entertainment will be provided by Ray Perry of the Coal Fired Band.

The gala will begin at 5 p.m. with a free reception in the Tamarack atrium. Dinner and the awards ceremony, which require a ticket, will begin at 6 p.m. in the ballroom. Tickets for the dinner and awards ceremony are $50 a person and a table for eight can be purchased for $400. In addition, sponsorships are available in a range of $1,000 to $6,000. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased by calling ext.6-4029 or by e-mailing spradlin13@marshall.edu.

In addition to Marshall’s CEGAS, the Miners’ Celebration is a cooperative project of the National Coal Heritage Area; Strategic Solutions LLC; the United Mine Workers of America;
Rec Center announces dates for Kids’ Night Out; first is Friday, Sept. 18

The first Kids’ Night Out of the year will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at the Recreation Center.

Children will climb on the Rec Center’s rock wall, swim in the indoor pool, play ball on the courts, and have a pizza party.

Potty-trained children ages 4-12 will be able to interact with other kids during a fun, safe night at the Rec Center.

The cost for members is $20 ($15 for each additional sibling), and for non-members it’s $25 ($20 for each additional sibling).

Parents can register their children at the Welcome Desk or on the Recreation Center website. Or, to register online, visit http://goo.gl/S99zJF.

Kids’ Night Out will also be occurring on the following dates: Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. Additional dates for spring 2016 can be found on www.marshallcampusrec.com under Youth Programs.

For more information, call Alex Boyer, assistant director of intramurals and youth programs, at ext.6-4101 or e-mail Boyer at boyer3@marshall.edu.

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Huntington Area Art Society to return to Cellar Door starting this evening

The Huntington Area Art Society lecture series will return this fall with “Post-Impressionism to Cubism” at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Cellar Door, 905 Third Ave.

The series’ lead presenter, Dr. Heather Stark, assistant professor of art and design, noted that she developed the season’s enveloping theme, “Visual Revolutions: the 20th Century,” in response to the interest of community members who attended the pilot sessions last spring.

Although the lecture beings at 6:30 p.m., participants are welcome to arrive early for conversation and refreshments. The society’s fall lecture series will continue at the same time and place Oct. 7, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9.

Seating is limited. The series costs $40, payable by check to Marshall University. The check may be taken to the presentation or to the Visual Arts Center at 927 3rd Ave. or mailed to the Huntington Area Art Society, c/o School of Art and Design, Marshall University. “VAC Special Programs/Art Society” should be included on the subject line.

Photo: Dr. Heather Stark, assistant professor of art and design, will present a lecture, “Post-Impressionism to Cubism,” Wednesday, Sept.9.

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The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed Sept. 16, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14.